

Tasneem Sultan is a co-founder and the Executive Director of La Convivencia. She co-founded La Convivencia with her children with the simple mission to build strong relationships among people of different cultures, races, and religions through dialogue, community service, and civic engagement to break stereotypes, and create acceptance and diversity appreciation. She believes in the values of justice, equality, and religious freedom and coming together as a community.

Prior to relocating to New Jersey in 2012, Tasneem was an active member and participant of Interfaith Mission Services, University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH), the Arts Council of Huntsville, and AshaKiran (A Ray of Hope) in Alabama.

Upon arriving in West Windsor, Tasneem continued community activism by joining different organizations in the area. She also serves on the United We Create Advisory Committee of Young Audiences of New Jersey.

Her early experiences while living in Pakistan, France, and Canada convinced her of the importance of creating cross-cultural and inter-religious dialogue between people of different faiths, cultures, and ethnicities. As an American Muslim woman, she realized the need to understand and accept different religions and ethnicities; a lack of empathy and acceptance can easily lead to tensions and violence.

She speaks at different events about the power of dialogue, sharing stories, and being an American Muslim woman to create strong interfaith and cross-cultural friendships.

She is passionate about her quest and is continuously engaged in efforts to build bridges of acceptance and understanding between diverse people. Tasneem lives to share compassion, peace, and has a love for service for all communities. She is looking forward to mobilizing as many people as possible to speak up in the name of peace and social justice.

She resides in West Windsor, NJ, with her husband, Manzoor Sultan PhD, and her two sons, Zain and Bilal. She enjoys reading, painting, and exercising; especially spending time with her boys who are her reason to smile.